

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute the following listing of claims for the previous listing of claims:

1- 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) An aerosolization apparatus comprising:

a housing defining a chamber having one or more air inlets, the chamber being sized to receive a capsule which contains an aerosolizable pharmaceutical formulation;

a puncturing mechanism within the housing, the puncturing mechanism comprising an alignment guide and a puncture member, wherein the alignment guide comprises a surface adapted to contact the capsule while the puncture member is advanced into the capsule to create an opening in the capsule, and wherein the surface comprises one or more protrusions for contacting the capsule; and

an end section associated with the housing, the end section sized and shaped to be received in a user's mouth or nose so that the user may inhale through the end section to inhale aerosolized pharmaceutical formulation that has exited the capsule through the opening created in the capsule.

21. (Withdrawn) An aerosolization apparatus according to claim 20 wherein the protrusions comprise one or more ribs.

22. (Withdrawn) An aerosolization apparatus according to claim 21 wherein the one or more ribs extend longitudinally.

23. (Withdrawn) An aerosolization apparatus according to claim 20 wherein the protrusions comprise one or more bumps.

24. (Withdrawn) An aerosolization apparatus according to claim 20 wherein the surface comprises a low friction material.

25. (Withdrawn) An aerosolization apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the low friction material is polytetrafluoroethylene.

26. (Withdrawn) An aerosolization apparatus according to claim 25 wherein at least a portion of the surface is sloped at an angle which is less than 55 degrees relative to the longitudinal axis of the capsule.

27. (Original) An aerosolization apparatus according to claim 20 wherein surface comprises a passageway and wherein the puncture member slides within the passageway.

28. (Original) An aerosolization apparatus according to claim 20 wherein the inlet is shaped to create a swirling airflow within the chamber.

29-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) A method of providing access to an aerosolizable pharmaceutical formulation, the method comprising:

providing a capsule containing an aerosolizable pharmaceutical formulation;

contacting the capsule with the surface of an alignment guide, the surface comprising one or more protrusions for contacting the capsule; and

advancing a puncture member through the wall of the capsule to create an opening in the capsule.

32. (Original) A method according to claim 31 wherein the puncture member is advanced through a passageway in the surface.

33-34. (Cancelled)